

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

August 30, 2012

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on August 23, 2012 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending August 29, 2012 in the amount of \$ 263,279.68 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 23 – August 29, 2012
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from August 21 – August 27, 2012
- Statements of cash receipts from the Library from August 1 – August 14, 2012
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for July 2012

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of **\$ 1,754,213.53** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

**Flo Kaufman** 82 Boynton Avenue asked what #5 is on the Agenda.

**Mayor Kasprzak** stated we don't usually answer questions but he would answer her question. #5 the Audit of Claims is all the bills that we pay each week.

**Flo Kaufman** also I wondered if you had a chance to check out the safety issues with the Public Works crews.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said the day after you spoke to us I contacted Mike Brodi and when you get a chance he'll be glad to talk with you.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Irises Café to close City Hall Place from Bridge Street to the corner of Court Street on Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 1pm to 4pm to hold Irises 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Block Party festival with other downtown businesses.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Discussion:

**Councilor Rabideau** said I just want to refer to the backup material from last week that they had a little more for this event. It is a fund raiser 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration block party to benefit the Strand Theatre Restoration project proceeds from the tasting tickets to benefit the Strand Theatre nonprofit.

**Councilor Tiffer** said just my thoughts. You know what would be great if somehow we'd be able to close off from Bridge Street to Court Street throughout the summer. We're already utilizing it for restaurants and there's limited parking there anyways. We're closing it down for various events throughout the summer. It would just be great if we could just close that off for pedestrians

throughout the summer. That's something that I definitely think we should consider and look into.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign an UNDERGROUND EASEMENT agreement granting Verizon New York Inc. a ten foot wide underground utility easement across and under City of Plattsburgh Tax Map as Tax Map No. 207.17-1-15.2-1, a parcel of land owned by the City of Plattsburgh, adjacent to premises known as Plattsburgh Plaza.

By Councilor Calnon Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Committee to close the following streets: City Hall Place, Trinity Square and Lower Court Street (Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00p – 11:15p, Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> 9am – 11:15p, Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm). Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> for the parade (Cumberland Ave from North Margaret Street through City Hall Place, Durkee Street to Broad Street and Margaret to Durand closed from noon until parade passes.)

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves City Engineer Kevin Farrington to advertise for bids for Contract # 2012-16 "Vacuum Street Sweeper."

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill

Treacy Manager MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid No. 2012-8-1 “WPCP Substation 16 Replacement – Equipment Procurement.” Bid opening date: Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 1:00pm.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy Manager MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid No. 2012-8-2 “SL1 & SL2 Equipment Upgrades – Testing and Commissioning.” Bid opening date: Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 1:00pm.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy Manager MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid No. 2012-8-3 “Wooden Utility Poles.” Bid opening date: Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 1:10pm.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**H. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that BID No. 2012-7-1 “Evaluation of Misc. Electrical Materials” be awarded to 5 bidders for the total amount of \$440,446.35.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**I. Whereas,** the City of Plattsburgh Planning Board received a Site Plan Application for expansion of the Bombardier Mass Transit Manufacturing Facility located at 71 Wall Street, which involves the construction of a building expansion on the north and west side of the existing manufacturing facility totaling an area of approximately 87,600 square feet; and,

**Whereas,** the Planning Board received a long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1 prepared by RM Sutherland on behalf of the Applicant (Bombardier); and,

**Whereas,** the Planning Board has determined that the proposed action is a Type 1 Action under SEQRA pursuant to 6NYCRR §617.4(b) (6) (iv); and,

**Whereas,** other potentially interested or involved agencies identified by the applicant include the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Plattsburgh Common Council and the New York State Empire State Development Corporation; and

**Whereas,** the project will require a coordinated review; and,

**Whereas,** the Planning Board desires to act as lead agency for the purpose of SEQR Review; therefore, be it

**Resolved,** that the Common Council consents to the Planning Board acting as lead agency for the purpose of SEQR Review.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Recreation Superintendent Steve Peters, Justyn Gordon and Jessica Shields to attend “National Recreation and Parks Association Conference 2012” in Anaheim, CA from October 15 – 19, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$4,600.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**Councilor Calnon** said I want to qualify my vote. I think it’s important for us to send folks to this sort of thing and a group going is very good idea. However given the prospect of Capital improvements over the next several years, I would suggest that the reason I’m going to support this is

because I probably won't support it next year for anyone. I'm thinking that we really need to develop some plans that we can afford over the next couple of years because our debt service is something we've really got to keep a very close eye on. So...Yes.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves three Police Officers to attend "119<sup>th</sup> Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference and Law Enforcement Education and Technology Exposition" in San Diego, CA from September 29 – October 4, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$10,225 and will be paid out of Asset Forfeiture (DOJ) funds.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion:

**Councilor Calnon** said I have similar comments about this although obviously some of the things that we bring back from the police conference we can fund with Asset Seizure funds so it doesn't really affect the Capital funds projects as much. But again I think we've sent multiple officers to this for the last few years. I think going forward I'm going to be looking at it much harder because I just think that the prospects for Capital expenditures over the next two or three years are going to be very much pinched by budgetary concerns.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

- 1.** Request from Paul Bardis to block Grace Avenue at the Cornelia and Ash Street entrances on Saturday, September 15, 2012 between the hours of 11 am and 6 pm to hold a block party on the south end of Grace Avenue (the residents of the entire street are also welcomed to participate).
- 2.** Request from the Adopt-A-Spot Program to grant Shaun O'Connell permission to plant three trees in the Westelcom Park (between Margaret and Durkee Streets).
- 3.** Request from the Community Development Office for change order to Project HOME-16-2009 "Jock – 16 Elizabeth Street" in the amount of \$2,500.
- 4.** Request from City Assessor Derek Rosenbaum to attend "Commercial & Industrial Appraisal" in Syracuse, NY from September 17 – 20, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$1,306. This course will fulfill the basic certification requirement prior to the February 2013 deadline.

**Added #5 for initial:**

5. Request from Jon Ruff Environmental Manager to attend “Water Environment Federation Technical Meeting 2012” in New Orleans, LA from September 30 – October 3, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$1705.

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**10. NEW BUSINESS: None**

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:44 pm**